

Weekly Column for August 30, 2007

We are coming up on the seventh Troy Night Out tomorrow, and despite the holiday weekend calling, we are expecting a great turnout. This event has really turned into something people are eager for each month. It's nice to see it take off so quickly.

The Albany All-Stars Roller Derby team, fresh off an exhibition at Northern Lights, will once again be parading through the streets, specifically Broadway between Second Street and River Street. If you saw them at all last month, you know the show is not to be missed. If you did miss it, don't make the same mistake twice. They are worth checking out for the names alone.

It is our intention to have a monthly music concert near Barker Park for each Troy Night Out, as we did in July with Rocky Velvet. We ran into a bit of a stumbling block this month, but are hoping to have a show ready for the first fall night out.

This coming Sunday we have Uncle Sam Jam taking place in Riverfront Park. This is yet another free event brought to you by the City. These festivals really seemed to jump to another level this summer. Here's what you need to know-

Date: Sunday, September 2, 2007

Time: Noon to 8 p.m.

Who: Renee Lussier & Branchwater, Stuck on Stupid, Outta Hand Band, Foy Brothers Band, Rocky Velvet, Tas Cru & The Slowhappy Boys, and the Hugh Pool Trio.

Where: Riverfront Park

Why: Why not?

There will be food and beverages on hand for the entire day, and a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Uncle Sam Day Parade. Many thanks to our sponsors of the event: the Northeast Blues Society, Whitney Young Health Center, Hannaford, Wellcare, and www.powermusicusa.com

Come check it out. It's more or less a farewell to summer, as everything starts moving a little too quickly after Labor Day.

Have a great weekend!

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Mayor of Troy